

# Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland

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Dear District Grand Scribe E.,

A meeting of Heads of the Orders in Scotland and their Grand Secretaries was held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh on Wednesday 20th January 2010. One of the topics discussed was the situation in Haiti after the recent earthquake. It was agreed that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would co-ordinate the receipt of contributions from Scottish Freemasons worldwide (of all Orders). I would refer you to the undernoted letter from the M.W. Grand Master Mason Brother Charles I.R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont.

If your District wishes to participate in this endeavour, I would ask you to communicate the contents of this letter and the letter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to each Chapter and Council under your supervision, and to collect and forward any contributions directly to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3DH, Scotland, U.K.; cheques, money orders etc., should be made payable to the "Grand Lodge of Scotland" and indication given, on the back or in an accompanying letter, that the contribution is for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

It would be useful to have by separate communication to Royal Arch Chambers a note of any such contributions sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Grahame J. Smith

Grand Scribe E.



## The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

Charles Iain R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont Grand Master Mason

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### MESSAGE FROM GRAND MASTER MASON

#### RE HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Brethren, we have all been horrified by the devastating earthquake that has struck the Republic of Haiti and the scenes of suffering and desolation on our television screens. Many Brethren have been enquiring how we, as Scottish Freemasons, can best assist in aiding the suffering of the people of that land.

Whilst the natural reaction of many is to contribute immediately to the International Aid Agencies seeking funding I have today consulted with the heads of all Masonic Bodies in Scotland with whom we are in Amity as well as with Grand Almoner and Grand Secretary and we are unanimous in our opinion that this may not be the long term best use of Masonic generated funds. In our opinion, considering that the funds generated by appeals to our Brethren are liable to be insignificant to the total of the International Appeals, any Masonic generated monies should be retained centrally and used for specific reconstruction or social projects once the country has achieved a measure of stability.

Whilst Provinces, Districts and Lodges are of course at liberty to contribute to disaster relief in any manner they wish all should be aware that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will co-ordinate the receipt of contributions from Scottish Freemasons worldwide. Any funds received will be retained in a designated account for Haiti Earthquake Relief and will be utilised entirely for identifiable projects in Haiti.

Brethren, Scottish Freemasons have always prided themselves in their generosity to those less fortunate than themselves. Charity is one of the foundations of our Craft and I do not need to emphasise the terrible situation in Haiti. I would urge all Scottish Freemasons to support this initiative and contribute as your circumstances allow to this most worthy cause.

All cheques, money orders etc should be payable to the 'Grand Lodge of Scotland' and clearly marked on the back or by accompanying letter - Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

By necessity, this is an urgent appeal and further information as to how funds will be ultimately utilised and controlled will be given later, but I can assure you that every penny / cent received will go directly to those in need.

Charles Iain R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont  
Grand Master Mason

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